KANSHA PASADENA

2022 CALENDAR

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Kansha Pasadena strives to honor, preserve and share the unique history and culture of Japanese Americans in the Greater Pasadena area by researching and documenting family histories, personal stories, cultural sites and historic buildings.

Dear Friends,

Over the last year, Kansha Pasadena continued its mission to gather stories of Japanese Americans to share with the greater Pasadena community. Although 2021 continued to be a difficult year for all, friends of our project continued to meet online every month. I hope that we will forge ahead with our efforts as we emerge to a safer and healthier world.

The Coronavirus Pandemic has changed the way we live our everyday lives. It has prevented personal gatherings and has made it necessary to continue to take important precautions to prevent the spread of this disease. My sincere condolences to all who have lost loved ones over the last year. It is important for us to remember those individuals who contributed to our lives.

I would like to thank everyone who helped make the 2022 calendar possible. With your help, we were able to gather the photos and share the important stories about our community. Publishing the calendar was a time-consuming project. Special thanks go to Jeri Takeda and Lauren Takeda who dedicated many months to produce this calendar. To Jeri for organizing the photos, stories and captions for the entire calendar. And to Lauren for working through several layout versions and designs. Thanks also to our editors, Debbie Kubota and Rachel Yamaguchi. I hope everyone will enjoy the calendar and that it will remind you of the history of your families and communities.

And thank you for supporting Kansha Pasadena! We welcome your participation!

With gratitude,

Bryan Takeda

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November 2021 Kansha Pasadena Meeting

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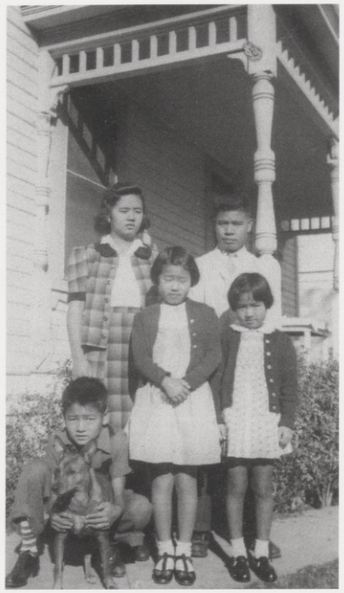
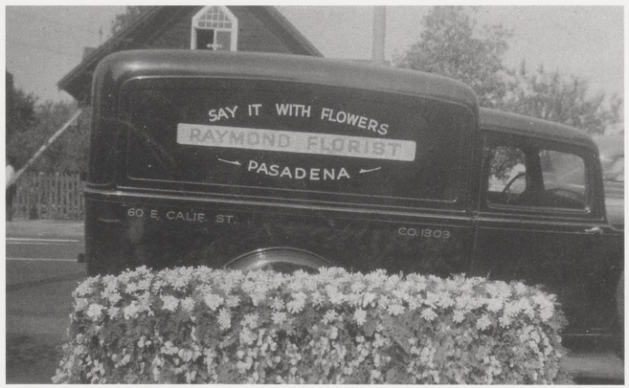




Raymond Florist

60 E. California Blvd., corner of Raymond Ave. and California Blvd.

Jentei Oshiro built this florist shop in 1933 and operated it along with his wife, Hisano, until 1942 when the war broke out. The family lived in the house adjacent to the florist on Raymond Ave. Landlord, Mrs. Bike, owned these properties along with the house next to the florist on California Blvd.

During the war, Mr. Oshiro opened a flower shop in the Gila River internment camp to accommodate weddings and funerals. Post-war, he worked at a flower market in Spanish Harlem, New York. After the war, Mrs. Bike invited the family to come back to live in the house on California Blvd. and to continue working at the florist; the family returned in 1950.

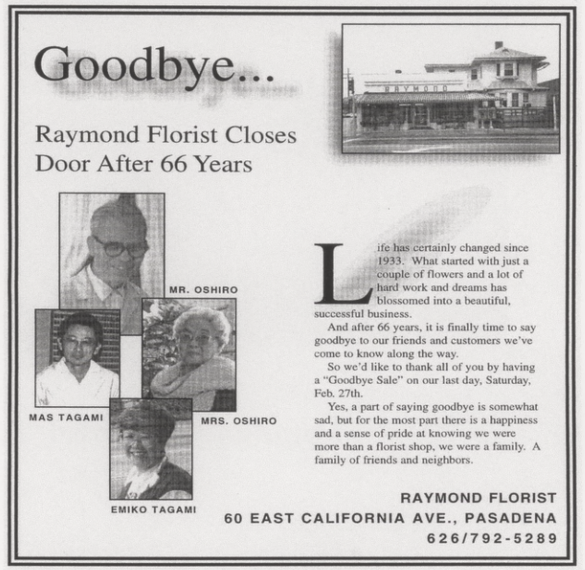
After Mr. Oshiro passed away in 1984, relative Masanobu Tagami and his wife, Emiko, took over the flower shop. They operated the business until February 27, 1999 when the florist closed after being in business for 66 years.

When Mrs. Bike died, she generously left the property to the Oshiro family. The florist and two houses were sold as a package to Dydee, a laundry service, just west of the property.

Photos *(clockwise from top left)*

At the house on Raymond Ave., Mr. Oshiro and children: Kiyoshi, Keiko (Oshiro) Abe, Eiko (Oshiro) Igarashi, Fumiko (Oshiro) Kondo
Mr. and Mrs. Oshiro and children inside the florist
Raymond Florist truck
Mr. Oshiro and children in front of florist
Article from the *Pasadena Star-News*, February 19, 1999

Sources: George Abe, Keiko (Kay) Abe, Janet Fry, Emiko Tagami
Interview with Kiyoshi Fred Oshiro by George Abe; Pasadena Star-News, February 19, 1999



Goodbye...

Raymond Florist Closes Door After 66 Years

MR. OSHIRO

MAS TAGAMI

MRS. OSHIRO

EMIKO TAGAMI

Life has certainly changed since 1933. What started with just a couple of flowers and a lot of hard work and dreams has blossomed into a beautiful, successful business.

And after 66 years, it is finally time to say goodbye to our friends and customers we've come to know along the way.

So we'd like to thank all of you by having a "Goodbye Sale" on our last day, Saturday, Feb. 27th.

Yes, a part of saying goodbye is somewhat sad, but for the most part there is a happiness and a sense of pride at knowing we were more than a florist shop, we were a family. A family of friends and neighbors.

RAYMOND FLORIST
60 EAST CALIFORNIA AVE., PASADENA
626/792-5289

JANUARY

SUNDAY 日	MONDAY 月	TUESDAY 火	WEDNESDAY 水	THURSDAY 木	FRIDAY 金	SATURDAY 土
						1 New Year's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Seijin no Hi Coming of Age Day	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Martin Luther King Day	18	19	20	21	22
23 30 Fred Korematsu Day	24 31	25	26	27	28	29

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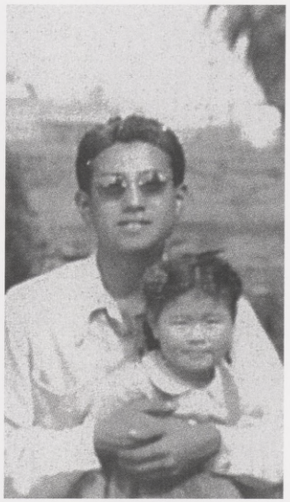


Bellefontaine Nursery

838 S. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena

Established in 1939 by Kuniyoshi and Sayo Uchida, Bellefontaine Nursery is the oldest ongoing Japanese American family-owned business in Pasadena. Their children: Setsuko, Makoto (Mike), Katsuhito (Gus), Akira (Joe), and Teruo (Robert) all took part in the business as they went to college or held clerical jobs on the side.

During the war, they were able to retain the nursery with the help of watchful friends, and returned from the Gila River internment camp in December 1945. With Mike, Gus, and Joe working at the nursery, it became more retail-oriented. Setsuko's husband, Frank Yamada, opened and operated a lawnmower shop at the nursery from 1950 to 1995. Bob became an educator at Eagle Rock High and helped out during the weekends and summers. Bellefontaine Nursery grew into a resource Japanese gardeners could rely on for supplies, equipment repairs, and—more importantly--a place to congregate between jobs. The nursery served the gardening and equipment needs of a core group of Japanese gardeners that continued for nearly 50 years after the end of World War II.

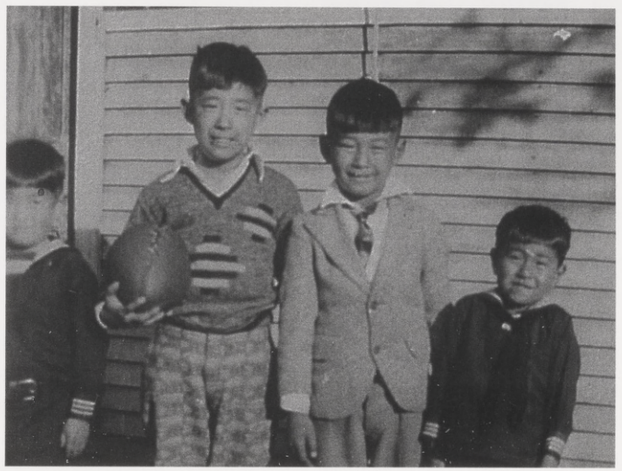
Currently run by Joe's son, Alan, and Gus' son, Dale, the nursery operates at its original location and two-story wood frame building at 838 S. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena. Bellefontaine Nursery has participated in Pasadena Showcase and L.A. Arboretum shows and has been voted *Pasadena Weekly's* "Best Nursery in Pasadena" four years in a row and *L.A. Weekly's* "Best Family-Owned Nursery as a Tale of the American Dream." Please visit their website at bellefontainenursery.com.

Photos

(Left column, top to bottom):
Sayo Uchida holding infant, Joe Uchida; Joe Uchida holding niece, Betty Yamada
Current photo of Bellefontaine Nursery building
Home from Camp, 1945-46, in front of Fair Oaks family house: Bobby, Joe, Sayo, Kuniyoshi, Gus

(Right column, top to bottom):
In front of the nursery, Agnes Uchida (Joe's wife) driving 1954 Ford station wagon with Setsuko's children, David and Betty. Mike Uchida standing on curb.
Nine boys on Kensington Ave.: (*top):* John Mitsumori, possibly Bill or Koji ("Kobo") Fukutaki; (*middle):* Joe Uchida, Don Tanzawa (family friend), Gus Uchida; (*bottom):* Edgar Fukutaki; Bob Uchida; Harry Tsushima; Fred Fukutaki
Gus Uchida, Jim Mitsumori, John Mitsumori, Joe Uchida

Sources: Alan Uchida, Bryan Takeda, Dorothy Potter, bellefontainenursery.com



FEBRUARY

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13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19 Day of Remembrance
20	21 Presidents' Day	22	23	24	25	26
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Japanese School, Mid-1930s

Japanese Schools were an important part of the Japanese American culture with schools established both before and after the war. Issei parents arranged for a school bus to drive around northwest Pasadena, picking up children at their homes to take them to Japanese School and bringing them back home after school.

This Japanese School was located at the Japanese Community Center on Del Mar Blvd.

Sources: Keiko Abe, Mary Karasawa, Bryan Takeda

MARCH

SUNDAY 日	MONDAY 月	TUESDAY 火	WEDNESDAY 水	THURSDAY 木	FRIDAY 金	SATURDAY 土
		1	2 Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)	3 Hinamatsuri - Girl's Day	4	5
6	7	8 International Women's Day	9	10	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins	14	15	16 Purim Begins	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20 Spring Begins	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Cesar Chavez Day		

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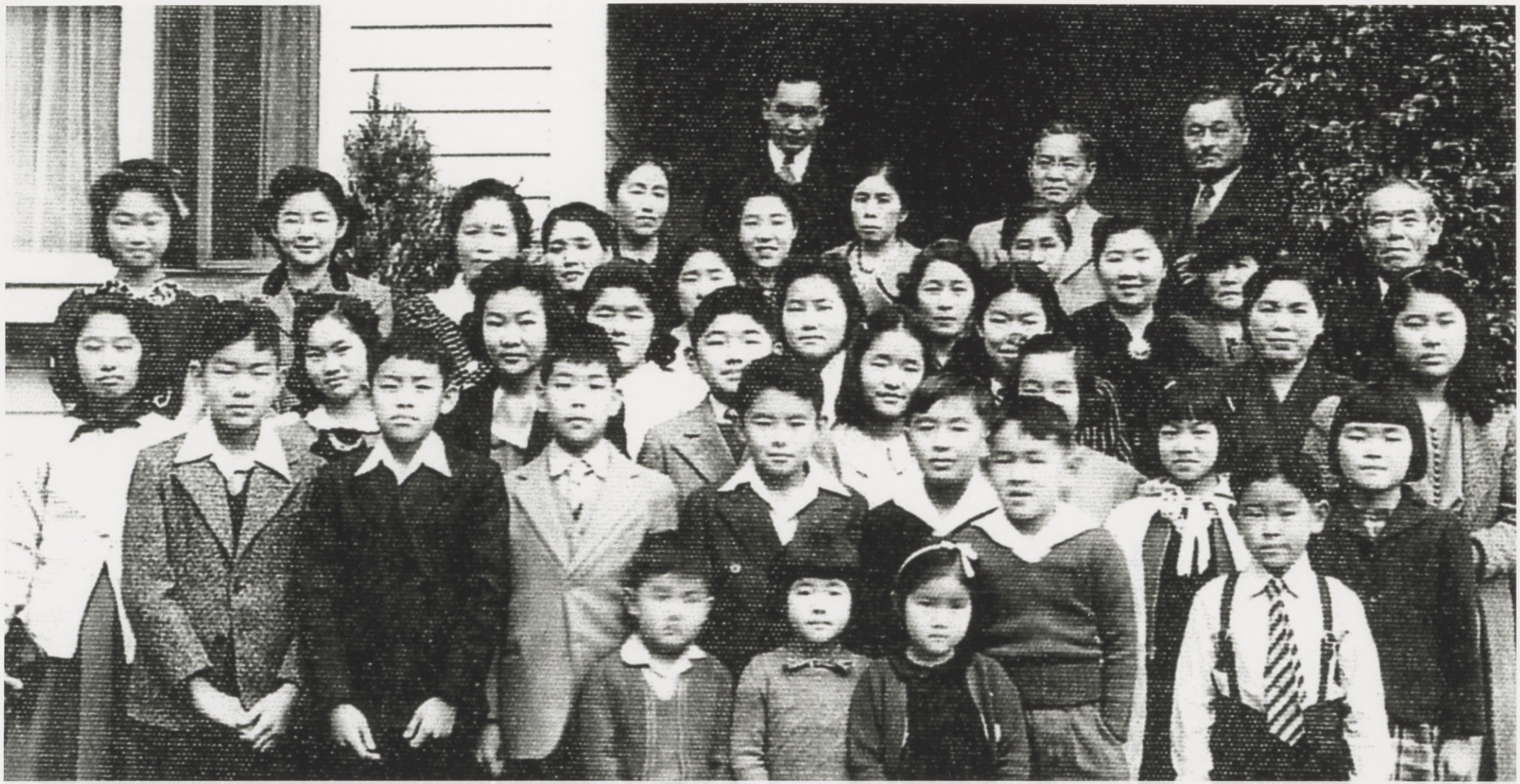

Mrs. Matsumoto's Japanese School, ca 1940-41

Mrs. Masayo Matsumoto (4th row, 3rd from the left) taught Japanese from her home on Cypress Ave. near Orange Grove Blvd. before the war.

This photo, which includes the teacher, some parents, and students, may have been from Ohanashi-kai (speech contest) that took place on December 7, 1941.

Pictured *(left to right)*:
6th row *(top)*: Mr. Sato, Mr. Nisuke Mitsumori, Mr. Kaichi Matsumoto
5th row: ____, Ayako Matsumoto, Mrs. Maruyama, Mrs. Uchida, Mrs. Ida Hirabayashi, Mrs. Totsubo, Mr. Totsubo
4th row: Ruth Yasuzaki, Mary (Mitsumori) Tajima, Mrs. Masayo Matsumoto (teacher), ____, ____, ____, ____, ____, Mrs. Sato, ____
3rd row: Taka Totsubo, Mitsie (Koyama) Yanari, Mary (Matsuzawa) Takemura, Mary (Nakahiro) Karasawa, Toshio Nakahiro, Ms. Ohara, Kiku Matsumoto, Miyeko (Koyama) Toshima, Frances Nakahiro
2nd row: Richard Morimoto, Yoshiaki Maruyama, Shigeyuki (Tom) Koyama, Akira ("Weeder") Maruyama, Kazuhiko Sato, Takeshi Sato, Bobby Uchida
1st row *(bottom)*: Mr. Morimoto, Yoshiko Nakahiro, Betty Hirabayashi

Sources: Kiku Matsumoto, Deena Yanari Ota, Mitsie Yanari

APRIL

SUNDAY 日	MONDAY 月	TUESDAY 火	WEDNESDAY 水	THURSDAY 木	FRIDAY 金	SATURDAY 土
					1 April Fool's Day	2 Ramadan Begins
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Palm Sunday	11	12	13	14	15 Good Friday Passover Begins DC - Emancipation Day Holiday	16 DC - Emancipation Day
17 Easter	18 Tax Day	19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23
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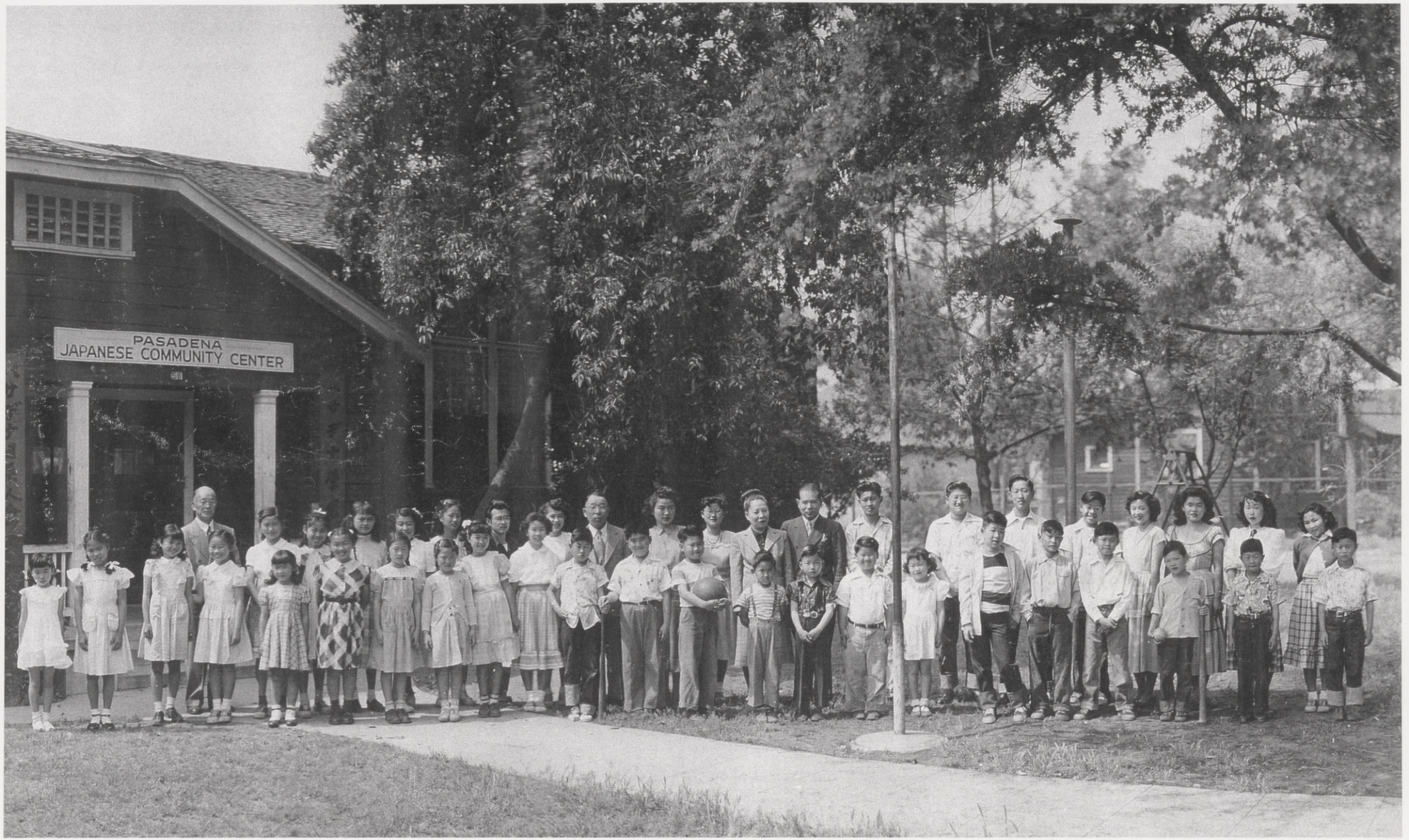

Japanese School, Post-war

Photo is of Japanese School at the Japanese Community Center on Del Mar Blvd. in 1947. Principal Yaemitsu Sugimachi is in the back row *(second person to the left of the pole)*.
Pasadena Gakuen joined the Japanese Language School Unified System in November 1955.
During the 1960's, Haruko Yamashita taught Japanese classes from her home.
Classes from first grade through senior high were also held at the Pasadena Buddhist Church.

Sources: Ken Hayashi, Deena Yanari Ota/Margaret Toshiko Kohama (Yamashita), Nancy Toyota;
Kyodo Vol. III, Japanese Language School Unified System; The 10th Anniversary 1958-1968 Pasadena Buddhist Church

MAY

SUNDAY 日	MONDAY 月	TUESDAY 火	WEDNESDAY 水	THURSDAY 木	FRIDAY 金	SATURDAY 土
1	2 Eid al-Fitr Begins	3	4	5 Kodomo no hi - Children's Day Cinco de Mayo	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Armed Forces Day
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29	30 Memorial Day	31				

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Pasadena Union Church - Our Last Good-Bye Before Evacuation

On April 26, 1942, the church held a "Sayonara get-together." They worshiped at 9:30 a.m., then took this picture in the backyard of the Kensington Place church. A potluck luncheon ended a somewhat sad celebration. On May 10, Mother's Day, the congregation worshiped a last time before they were moved out of Pasadena for assembly centers and relocation camps. Pictured are the church family (numbered).

Some Absentees - A number of the church family members are missing from this picture. Some had already moved away because of the impending evacuation. Some were busy closing their places of business. Others were packing and closing their homes. A few were already in the military. It was a time of forced departure, an exodus.

During the evacuation, the Federated Missions Board assumed responsibility for the church property and the building was used to store goods for the Japanese in the community.

Nisuke Mitsumori *(number 119, back row, far left)* was one of the 23 charter members of the church which began in 1913 in a two-story frame house at 139 Mary Street.

Rev. Kengo Tajima *(number 46, second row, right middle)* served as minister from 1928 until the World War II evacuation.

Katharine Fanning *(number 89, third row, middle)* was a former missionary to Asia, who, with Sarah Fields (not pictured) directed the use of the two houses on the property as American Friends hostels during the war, and assisted those returning to Pasadena after the war.

Photo *(numbering is from left to right beginning with the bottom row; numbers alternate between the third and fourth rows)*

First *(bottom)* row, far left begins with 1: 1. Chiyoko (Amai) Fujimoto; 5. Sumiko Yamaoka; 9. Mariko Yamaoka; 11. Ronald Asaka; 12. Dennis Asaka; 13. Ronnie Izumida; 14. Spencer Yamasaki; 15. Robert Yamasaki; 20. Yosaburo Shigetomi; 21. Ayano Ouchida; 23. Helen (Morita) Matsunaga; 24. Donald Ikeda; 25. Joe Amai; 26. Margaret (Kashima) Tokuyama
Second row begins with 27: 27. John Mitsumori; 28. Shinro Matsumoto; 29. Midori (Yamaoka) Tomita; 30. Mary (Mitsumori) Tajima; 31. Keiko (Oshiro) Abe; 32. Mary Kimata; 33. Mary Sato; 34. June (Hayashi) Nakashima; 35. Emma B. Fuessie; 36. Elsie (Morita) Osajima; 37. Ida Hirabayashi; 39. Hiroko (Matsumoto) Nakamura; 40. Yoshiko (Homma) Mayeda; 41. Kazuhiko Sato; 42. Yoshiaki Maruyama; 44. George Hori; 45. Takeshi Sato; 46. Rev. Kengo Tajima; 48. Eiko (Yamaoka) Koga; 50. Teruko Yamaoka; 51. Mikiko (Amai) Kumamoto; 52. Kikuko Matsumoto; 53. Rachel (Mitsumori) Kikuchi; 54. Miyeko (Koyama) Toshima; 55. Ayako Matsumoto
Third row begins with 56: 61. Tamihei Fujimoto; 63. Masaichi Matsumoto; 65. Kiyushichi Homma; 69. Chotaro Matsuhara; 71. William Tokuji Suzuki; 73. Chiyo (Suzuki) Itanaga; 75. Teiko Homma; 77. Harry Suyekichi Asaka; 78. John Asaka; 80. Irene Yurie Asaka; 84. Minnie Reeves; 87. Tadanori Ouchida; 89. Katharine Fanning; 91. Grace (Naito Izumida) Douglas; 94. Kisa Naito; 96. Kimi Satomi; 100. Tori Tajima; 104. Yukiyo Matsuhara; 106. Izumi Matsuzawa; 108. Kei Hiraiwa; 109. Koito Tanamura; 111. Haru Homma; 114. Michi Suzuki
Fourth row begins with 57: 60. Yuriko (Watanabe) Hayakawa; 62. Fusaye (Hamane) Utsunomiya; 64. Fujiko Sameshima; 66. Sansei Ikeda; 70. Tokuhachi Amai; 72. Kaichi Matsumoto; 74. Grant Replogle; 76. Tosaburo Ikami; 79. Mantaro Koyama; 90. Yoneko Satow; 92. Dorothy (Ikeda) Ito; 93. Setsuko (Itow) Tajima; 95. Helen (Suzuki) Nagai; 99. Hatsuye Egami; 103. Teru Ikami; 105. Toyo Nikaido; 107. Kimiko Hayakawa; 115. Toku Noguchi; 116. Sato Fukui; 118. Misae Koyama
Fifth row begins with 119: 119. Nisuke Mitsumori; 120. Shigeki Matsumoto; 121. Joe Eto; 122. Henry Suzuki; 123. Mary (Matsuzawa) Takemura; 124. Yanako (Watanabe) Takahashi; 125. Mitsie (Koyama) Yanari; 126. Grace (Sato) Morikawa; 127. Shigenawa Tanemura; 128. Tokuhei Matsuzawa; 129. Matsunosuke Satomi; 132. Kingo Nakata; 134. George Yutaka Suzuki; 135. Nisuke Tsushima; 138. Duke Izumida (Donnie Izumida); 140. Henry Fukui; 142. Sukekazu Yato; 143. Emiko (Yato) Takusagawa; 144. Chiye Yato; 145. Noboru Yato; 147. May (Ikeda) Ohta; 148. Emiko Fukui; 149. Beulah (Matsuhara) Yoshihara; 150. Midori (Satomi) Odo; 151. Tsune Ikeda; 152. June Moriwaki; 154. Ida (Ikeda) Yokogawa; 157. Tane Mitsumori; 158. Toshiko Ito; 113. Misao Amai; 160. Misano Okamoto; 161. Katsuno Fujimoto; 162. Kenji Shigetomi

Sources: Bob and Mae Uchida/First Presbyterian Church, Altadena/Kawahara collection; FPCA 75 Year History by Ted Tajima; Ila Kimata; Mitsie Yanari

JUNE

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19 Juneteenth Father's Day	20	21 Summer Solstice	22	23	24	25
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Six Weddings and The Wedding Dress

Six couples had a common thread weaving through their lives as the brides all shared the same wedding dress. Chiyomi and Kaz Ogawa were married on March 26, 1944 in the Manzanar relocation camp *(top left)*. Chiyomi's wedding dress was designed and made in Manzanar by her Auntie Nui, a professional seamstress. They ordered material from Montgomery Ward, and Chiyomi borrowed a veil and had silk flowers.

After the war ended, the same wedding dress was worn by the brides of five other couples who, like Chiyomi and Kaz, had come to Pasadena to rebuild their lives: Harumi Ogawa and Tadashi Fujihara on April 6, 1947 *(top middle)*; Chiyeko ("Chickie") Ogawa and Yukio Hino on November 15, 1947 *(top right)*; Hasuye ("Hasie") Miyamoto and Yukio ("Inkie") Ogawa on April 4, 1948 *(bottom left)*; Natsuyo ("Nattie") Nishizawa and Nobuyuki ("Nob") Koyama on August 17, 1948 *(bottom middle)*; and Kay Ikeda and George Fujikawa on March 25, 1950 *(bottom right)*.

Sources: Wendy Anderson
"Six Weddings & The Wedding Dress":
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vmyk4koAUsDFitSrC8G1MMLx71Hk57bS/edit
http://www.whitesatinweddingshow.com/six-weddings--a-dress.html
http://www.owensvalleyhistory.com/stories/six%20weddings%20and%20a%20dress.pdf
Joyce Ogawa Oller
Mitsie Yanari

JULY

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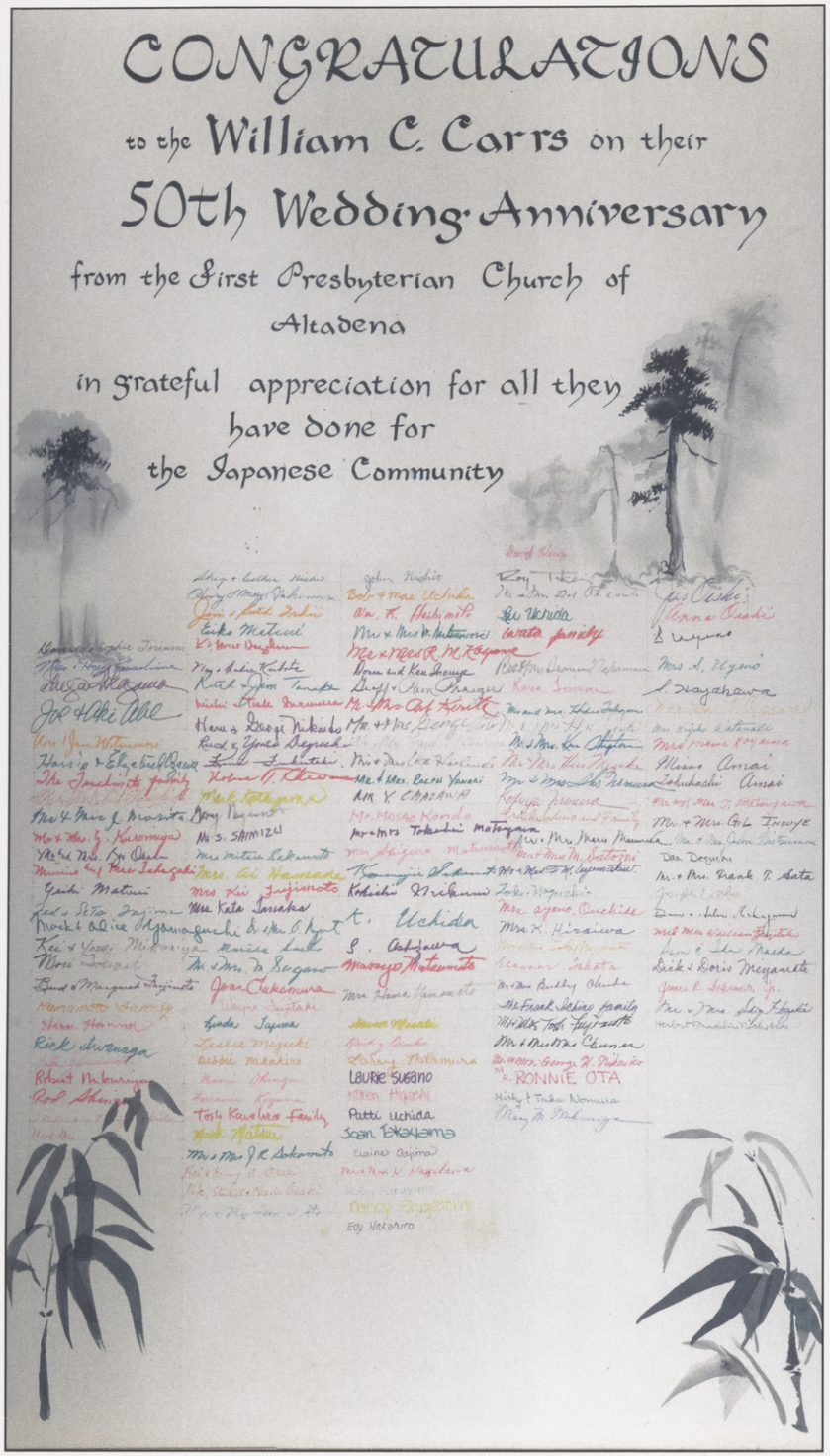

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Pasadena Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League
honors
William C. Carr
In grateful Recognition of special meritorious Services to the Chapter and Contributions to the Welfare of Japanese Americans. For activating his firm convictions to assist evacuees, Nisei servicemen, and resettlers, despite personal pressures and economic risks, and helping to remove discriminatory legislation in the State of California.
Pacific Southwest District Council Convention, May 1, 1965

Thank You to William Carr and Family

William C. Carr was a real estate agent in Pasadena. In 1944, he became President of the Friends of the American Way, helping Japanese Americans imprisoned by Executive Order 9066. He managed properties during the evacuation and with his friend, Hugh Anderson, took care packages to the Gila River internment camp. He wrote many letters to public officials and the *Los Angeles Times* supporting democracy for Japanese Americans.

After the war, he sold a home to the first Japanese Americans to reside in the San Rafael Hills, Hideo and Sonoko Takayama. His son, John, then sold to the first Jewish and African American families in the same area. These controversial actions caused personal pressures and economic risks for the family, but they all understood and agreed with this business practice.

The City of Pasadena honored William Carr with a humanitarian award and recognized John Carr for his leadership. The Pasadena Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League honored William C. Carr at the Pacific Southwest District Council Convention on May 1, 1965 *(certificate, bottom right)*. First Presbyterian Church of Altadena members signed a large poster congratulating the William C. Carrs on their 50th Wedding Anniversary, in appreciation for their efforts on behalf of the Japanese American community *(poster, far left)*.

Photo
William C. Carr Family *(top right)*

Sources: Rafu Shimpo, 11/21/2014, article by Prof. Susie Ling; Bob and Mae Uchida/ First Presbyterian Church; Kelly Hokyo; Sara Carr

AUGUST

SUNDAY 日	MONDAY 月	TUESDAY 火	WEDNESDAY 水	THURSDAY 木	FRIDAY 金	SATURDAY 土
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Hiroshima Remembrance Day
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Pasadena Buddhist Temple

On July 29, 1951, a dedication service was held upon completion of the building at 1106 Lincoln Avenue *(bottom right)* to serve as the church for the Pasadena Buddhist Sunday School that had been meeting at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Yukio Nishimoto since the fall of 1948.

The Sunday School program grew rapidly and judo, tea, and dance classes were started. Within six years, there was a need for larger quarters. In 1957, a two-acre avocado orchard was purchased to become the site of the present Church complex at 1993 Glen Avenue. Church member and architect, Noboru Sakai, designed the Temple and classroom building that was dedicated on November 2, 1958.

Painting
Current building from the Pasadena Buddhist Women's Association 1951-1961 10th Anniversary book. *(top left)*

Photos
Sign at street entrance *(top middle)*
Current building in 1958 *(middle)*
Current temple in 2021 *(top right, bottom left)*

Sources: Kathy Kumagai; Bryan Takeda; Pasadena Buddhist Women's Association 1951-1961; The 10th Anniversary 1958-1968 Pasadena Buddhist Church; 25th Anniversary, October 2, 1983, Pasadena Buddhist Church

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11 Patriot Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25 Rosh Hashanah Begins	26	27	28	29	30	

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Yuge Altadena Home

In 1927, Takeo Yuge became the groundskeeper for the Scripps-Kellogg estate in Altadena when his Uncle Hanjiro went back to Japan. He lived on the property in a cottage built for Hanjiro. In the late 1920s, William Scripps Kellogg asked Takeo to plant a rare 5-foot Torrey pine that still stands at 120 feet tall.

Takeo married Fumiko Sameshima in 1939 and they were interned in Gila River, Arizona during WWII. After the war, the Kelloggs found the Yuges in Harbor City and in 1948, the Yuges returned to the Altadena cottage to continue working for them with a handshake agreement to live in the cottage for the rest of their lives. They had four daughters: Nadine, Carolyn, Joyce, and Cindy.

Takeo grew azaleas on the property, and through a US-Japan program, Japanese farmers came to train with him and learned about American culture. Takeo had several patents for his azaleas and was awarded honorary titles from the government of Japan.

When Mr. Kellogg died, the estate was gifted to the Scripps home on El Molino. In 1985, the property was sold to the Pasadena Waldorf School. An agreement with the school stated the Yuges could stay in the house while the parents were living but would move out within six months after both parents died. Takeo passed away in 1989 and Fumiko died in November 2014 at 100 years old. The school had plans to level the home and the Torrey pine for a driveway and parking lot.

The Torrey pine and cottage are significant symbols of compassion and kindness shown to Japanese Americans during a time of racial discrimination and prejudice. A petition to preserve the cottage and tree received 4,400 signatures. An Altadena Heritage Big Tree award will preserve the Torrey pine. The Yuge family offers to purchase the property where the cottage and pine are located were not accepted. The Yuges agreed to move out by June 19, 2015 and Pasadena Waldorf School agreed to hire a historic preservationist to determine if the cottage can be used by the school, and if not, will move the cottage off the property to a location where it can be preserved.

Photos:
Yuge home on the Scripps-Kellogg estate *(top left)*; Fumiko's 100th birthday with daughters: Carolyn, Nadine, Joyce, and Cindy *(top middle);* Takeo and Fumiko at their home *(top right);* Torrey pine with daughter Nadine standing in front of fence *(bottom left)*

Sources: Cindy Yuge; Altadena Point, "The Yuge family: an Altadena Story," April 24, 2014; KABC Television, Japanese family to be kicked out of Altadena home, May 22, 2015 by David Ono; KABC Television, Japanese family, Pasadena Waldorf School reach agreement over Altadena home, June 15, 2015 by ABC7.com staff; Rafu Shimpo, July 18, 2015

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9 Sukkot Begins	10 Indigenous Peoples' Day	11	12	13	14	15
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Pasadena Nisei Reunion

July 20, 2002

Pasadena Nisei Reunions

The first Pasadena Nisei Reunion was held on July 20, 2002 at the First Presbyterian Church of Altadena, enjoyed by 180 people who lived in Pasadena before and after the war. Photos show some who attended. Registrant information compiled and distributed included Name, Address, Telephone No., e-mail address, Years in Pasadena, Places resided during the War Years, Relocated to, Places resided during the Post War Years, and *What I remember most about Pasadena.*

A Second Pasadena Nisei Reunion was held on October 30, 2004 at the Pasadena Buddhist Church, organized by Reunion Committee members: Ted Tajima, Tosh Kawahara, and Fred Fukutaki, attended by over 200 people to reminisce and enjoy lunch. A Directory of Registrants was compiled and distributed including Name, Address, Telephone No., and e-mail address.

Sources: Dorothy Potter; Pasadena Star-News, July 21, 2002; Pasadena Nisei Reunion booklet; Second Pasadena Nisei Reunion booklet

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6 Daylight Savings Time Ends	7	8 Election Day	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12
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20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
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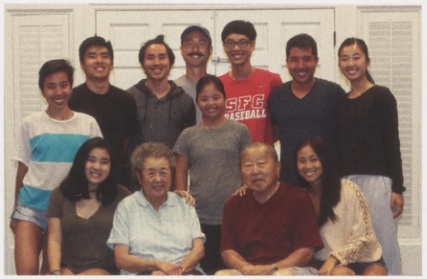

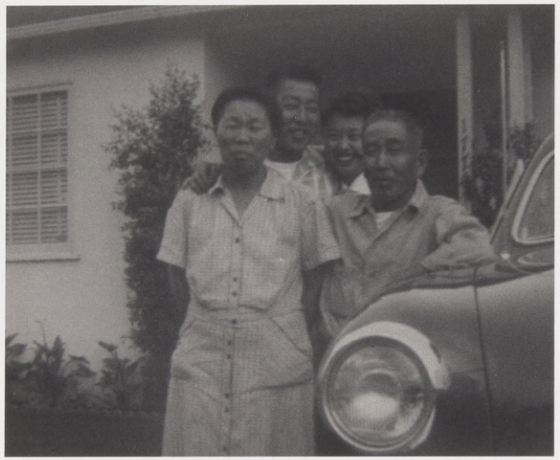

Tribute to Robert "Lefty" Kikkawa

January 3, 1932 - August 2, 2021

Robert Kikkawa, known as "Lefty" from shooting marbles left-handed (his only left-handed activity!), lived in Gardena and moved from Santa Barbara to Pasadena after the war.

Sports and family fulfilled Robert's life. In 1949, the *Pasadena Star-News* named him the Pasadena area Boy of the Year for his all-around athletic achievements, and in 1951, he played football in the Jr. Rose Bowl on the Pasadena Jr. College national championship team. He married his wife, Alice, in 1953, and they had four children and ten grandchildren. Robert and Alice enjoyed watching their children and grandchildren compete in various sports and dance competitions. In 1972, Robert and Alice helped to co-found the Pasadena Bruins youth sports organization for the Pasadena Japanese American community.

Robert has often called himself "the luckiest man in the world" and Kansha Pasadena is lucky that he was interested and willing to participate in the project. He was the only Nisei participant, sharing firsthand remembrances and experiences, and was also willing to be the first interviewee for the oral history project. Within a week after his July 5th interview, he experienced some health issues, and we were very saddened to hear of his passing on August 2, 2021. Kansha Pasadena is truly grateful to Robert "Lefty" Kikkawa for all we were able to learn from his willingness to share. Gratitude is also extended to the Kikkawa family.

Photos *(clockwise from the top left)*:
Robert and Alice's first dance and the first time they met
Robert and Alice with children - Ken Kikkawa, Sharon Lee, Debbie Kubota, and Don Kikkawa
Robert and Alice with grandchildren - *first row:* Kyla Kikkawa, Alice, Robert, Kelsey Lee; *second row:* Kerianne Kubota, Alina Kikkawa; *third row:* Kendall Kikkawa, Colin Kubota, Ryan Lee, Jason Kikkawa, Cameron Kubota, Claire Kikkawa
Robert and Alice's 80th birthdays and 58th wedding anniversary celebration, July 23, 2011
Rafu Shimpo "Boy of the Year" article
Robert and siblings - Masako Nishimoto, Kaz "Roy" Kikkawa, Hiro Kikkawa
Robert and Alice with his parents, Shizue and Shoji Kikkawa

Sources: Debbie Kikkawa, Robert Kikkawa
Fukui Mortuary obituary: https://www.fukuimortuary.com/obituary/robert-kikkawa
Discover Nikkei: http://www.discovernikkei.org/en/journal/2020/11/12/my-love-and-life
Rafu Shimpo, June 4, 1949

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SPORT SHORTS

AIHARA WINS AT COMPTON RELAYS

COMPTON. — Henry Aihara, Southern California broadjumper who won the PCC title last week, added the Compton Relay laurels to his name by annexing the broadjump with a leap of 23 feet 9¾ inches last night.

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FALCON JUNIORS HANDED THUMPING

SAN DIEGO.—Committing 12 errors, the Falcon Jrs. played dead for the Ye Kopper Kettle softball nine, 14 to 1, Thursday night.

Shimazu and Hashiguchi gave up nine hits.

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NISEI HYDROPLANE SPEEDS TO LAKE WIN

HAYNES LAKE, Utah.—The feature race in the Salt Lake Power Boat Club races on May 15 on Haynes Lake was won by James Aoki in his 135 cubic inch hydroplane.

Later, Aoki stepped up into the 225 cubic inch class with his 135 incher and beat out Vanderpool of Chicago although he could not keep pace with L. O. Turner, world's record holder for the class.

"BOY OF THE YEAR", an award given by the Pasadena Star News annually to the best boy athlete in each of all the various San Gabriel Valley schools was presented to Osamu Kikkawa of Washington Junior High last week at its jamboree. This well-built athlete, measuring 5 ft. 7 in. and weighing 140 pounds, participated in track, basketball, and football. He pitches for the Pasadena Ayes in NAU softball. For no visible reason since he is right-handed, his close friends call him "lefty."

DECEMBER

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18 Hanukkah Begins	19	20	21 Winter Begins	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

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Find That Friend or Family Member!

Can you find Keiko (Oshiro) Abe, Elsie (Morita Uyematsu) Osajima, Fusae (Hamane) Utsunomiya, Tazuko (Itow) Mizuki, Setsuko (Itow) Tajima in this photo?
If you recognize anyone else or know the year of this photo, please let us know!

Email: kanshapasadena@gmail.com or call (626) 396-9927. Thank you!